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1-NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON POST -- OBERDORFER FROM HOLLINGBOURNE, ENGLAND

LEAD: "THE FONMINS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL, WITH THE US
ACTING AS HOST, RESUMED FACE-TO-FACE TALKS YESTERDAY
AFTER A DELAY OF SIX MONTHS. THERE WAS NO SIGN,
HOWEVER, OF EARLY PROGRESS TOWARD NARROWING THE WIDE
GAP BETWEEN THEM."

OTHER POINTS:

-THE EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN SAID THE ISRAELI PROPOSAL
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WAS UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT EGYPT WAS STILL WAITING
FOR A POSITIVE ISRAELI RESPONSE TO THEIR INITIATIVE.
-THE ISRAELI SPOKESMAN SAID THE EGYPTIAN RESPONSE
WAS UNACCEPTABLE BUT REPORTED ON THE SESSION IN
MORE POSITIVE TERMS.

-ALTHOUGH EGYPT HAS NOT DECIDED TO RESUME FULL-SCALE

NEGOTIATIONS, THE US PLANS TO SEND ATHERTON TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO ARRANGE FOLLOW-UP TALKS.

-THE MEETING WAS OPENED BY A STATEMENT FROM VANCE; THE REST OF THE SESSION CONSISTED OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

-THERE WAS NO EXPLANATION OF THE SHIFT FROM THE PLANNED INFORMAL MEETING ATMOSPHERE TO A MORE RIGID FORMAT AROUND A TABLE.

-DAYAN CONSIDERED THE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AT LEEDS "TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE."

NYT -- GWERTZMAN FROM HOLLINGBOURNE, ENGLAND

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE AND THE FONMINS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL OPENED A NEW ROUND OF MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY TODAY, WITH EGYPT AND ISRAEL ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THEY REMAIN FAR APART DESPITE EFFORTS TO NARROW THE DIFFERENCES."

OTHER POINTS:

-THE READOUT BY THE EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI SPOKESMEN GAVE LITTLE REASON FOR OPTIMISM. GWERTZMAN CITES ALL THREE SPOKESMAN ON THE COURSE OF THE DAY.S SESSIONS.

-SADAT INTRODUCED A NEW ELEMENT BY SAYING IN KHARTOUM THAT UNLESS ISRAEL ACCEPTED EGYPT.S PROPOSALS OR UNCLASSIFIED

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INTRODUCED MORE POSITIVE IDEAS OF ITS OWN, EGYPT WOULD NOT CONTINUE THE TALKS.

-GWERTZMAN ALSO REFERS TO THE FORMALITY OF THE MEETINGS AND THE PUBLIC DISPUTE ON WHETHER "DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS" WERE TAKING PLACE.

CSM -- SOUTHERLAND FROM MAIDSTONE, ENGLAND

LEAD: "EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAVE AGAIN BEGUN DIRECT TALKS, THIS TIME IN THE SETTING OF ONE OF THE WORLD.S MOST LOVELY AND COMFORTABLE CASTLES."

OTHER POINTS:

-DIPLOMATS EXPECT LITTLE TO COME FROM THESE TALKS.

-FIRST INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE ISRAELIS REFUSED TO ACCEPT WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THIS ENSURES NO FURTHER EGYPTIAN CONCESSIONS TO ISRAEL.
ISRAEL.

-THE ISRAELIS ARE CONCERNED THAT THE WORLD VIEWS THEM AS INSUFFICIENTLY RESPONSIVE, IF NOT OBSTRUCTIONIST, IN THE PEACE PROCESS.

-THE EGYPTIANS WOULD LIKE THE US TO INITIATE ITS OWN
PLAN AND IMPOSE IT ON THE ISRAELIS.
-THE GREATEST EXCITEMENT YESTERDAY OCCURRED WHEN A
WOMAN SET OFF ALARMS BY WALKING HER DOG ON THE CASTLE
GROUNDS.

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS -- ANTEVIL FROM LEEDS CASTLE

LEAD: "HALF-WAY THROUGH THE FIRST FORMAL FACE-TO-FACE
TALKS BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES IN SIX MONTHS, ISRAELI
AND EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS CONCEDED YESTERDAY THAT THERE WAS
STILL A WIDE GAP. BETWEEN THEIR POSITIONS."

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OTHER POINTS:

-TALKS WERE OPENED BY VANCE STATEMENT, BUT MOST
OF THE TALKING WAS DONE BY KAMIL AND DAYAN.
-H. CARTER SAID THAT THE TALKS HAD HELPED CLARIFY
EACH SIDE'S POSITION.
-REFERS TO SPOKESMEN'S STATEMENTS, DISPUTE OVER
"DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS", SADAT STATEMENT IN KHARTOUM,
AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT CASTLE.

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION -- GLASS FROM LEEDS CASTLE

LEAD: "AMID THE SPLENDOR AND SOLITUDE OF A 1000-
YEAR OLD RESTORED ROYAL FORTRESS, DIRECT TALKS RESUMED
TUESDAY BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT IN WHAT THE AMERICAN
MIDDLEMEN CALLED A .SERIOUS AND THOROUGH. ATMOSPHERE."

OTHER POINTS:

-EGYPT AND ISRAEL REMAIN SHARPLY DIVIDED OVER THE
WEST BANK AND GAZA.
-VANCE TRIED TO NARROW THE DIFFERENCES AND ZEROED IN
ON THE COMMON POINTS.
-SITE OF THE TALKS WAS SHIFTED DUE TO SECURITY CONCERNS.
-CITES SADAT STATEMENT IN KHARTOUM.

BOSTON GLOBE -- NO BEECHER

BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN -- NO WALLACH

WASHINGTON STAR -- GUIDRY FROM LEEDS CASTLE

LEAD: "THE US-SPONSORED MIDDLE EAST TALKS RESUMED
TODAY FOLLOWING AN EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR SOMETHING NEW
FROM ISRAEL AS A REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE DIRECT TALKS
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BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS."

OTHER POINTS:

- LITTLE WAS SAID PUBLICLY ABOUT YESTERDAY'S TALKS. BUT EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI SPOKESMEN COULD NOT EVEN AGREE IN CHARACTERIZING THEM. GUIDRY THEN CITES DISPUTE OVER "DIRECT TALKS."
- THE EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN ECHOED THE REMARKS MADE BY SADAT IN KHARTOUM.
- THE TWO SIDES REVIEWED THEIR PEACE PLANS AND RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS FROM THE OTHER SIDE.
- OBSERVERS WERE PESSIMISTIC.
- H. CARTER SAID THAT PLANS FOR ATHERTON TO RESUME SHUTTLE WERE NOT DEFINITE.

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UPI -- ANDERSON FROM LEEDS CASTLE

LEAD: "EGYPT AND ISRAEL MOVED TODAY TOWARDS A NEW ROUND OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS AND A US SPOKESMAN SAID THE US IS READY TO TAKE PART IN THEM."

OTHER POINTS:

- H. CARTER SAID THE US WILL MEET WITH THE PARTIES WHENEVER THEY CONSIDER IT USEFUL. US OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD AGREED TO FURTHER DIRECT TALKS NEXT WEEK, PROBABLY IN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED SINAI. ATHERTON WILL REPRESENT THE US.
- VANCE MET SEPARATELY WITH THE TWO FONMINS IN THE MORNING. EQUAL TIME WAS SPENT WITH EACH. IN THE AFTERNOON, VANCE, KAMEL, AND DAYAN MET IN A FINAL SESSION.
- CARTER SAID THE TALKS WERE NOT AFFECTED BY SADAT'S THREATS TO BREAK OFF THE NEGOTIATIONS.
- REFERRING TO THE DISPUTE OVER "DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS,"

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CARTER SAID THE DIFFERENCE WAS SEMANTIC AND THAT THE TALKS WERE A "DIRECT CONVERSATION."

- CARTER ALSO SAID, "WE'VE GONE BEYOND SHUTTling. HE WALKED BACK AND FORTH."

AP -- NO BYLINE FROM LEEDS CASTLE

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE MET SEPARATELY WITH THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN FONMINS TODAY IN A LAST-MINUTE EFFORT TO NARROW THE GAP IN THEIR CONFLICTING PEACE PROPOSALS BEFORE THE MINISTERS RESUMED BARGAINING LATER IN THE DAY."

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OTHER POINTS:

-VANCE CALLED IN THE FONMINS SEPARATELY SINCE COMMON

GROUND APPEARED TO BE LACKING.

-INFORMED SOURCES SAID THAT THE LIKELY OUTCOME OF THIS CONFERENCE WILL ONLY BE AN AGREEMENT TO GO ON TALKING.

-SOURCES SAID THAT ATHERTON MAY RESUME SHUTTLE.

H. CARTER SAID THAT ATHERTON IS SCHEDULED TO FLY TO THE MIDDLE EAST AFTER BRIEFING NATO IN BRUSSELS ON THURSDAY.

-IN JERUSALEM BEGIN AND PERES HAD SHOUTING MATCH IN THE KNESSET. PERES ACCUSED BEGIN OF "FILLING A PRESCRIPTION FOR ISRAEL'S ISOLATION."

REUTERS -- NO GUTMAN IN MORNING TAKE

3. NETWORKS

CBS RADIO- KALB FROM LEEDS CASTLE

-THERE ARE BI-LATERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE
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VANCE AND ISRAEL'S DAYAN AND EGYPT'S KAMEL, AND THERE ARE ALSO MEETINGS AMONG ALL THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS AS THE LEEDS CASTLE GET TOGETHER RUNS OUT OF TIME, ALL THE MEETINGS SCHEDULED TO END LATER TODAY. PRESIDENT SADAT IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE MADE SEVERAL CONCESSIONS TO ISRAEL IN AUSTRIA, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF ISRAEL RETAINING WHAT IS CALLED A SECURITY PRESENCE ON THE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP PERHAPS IN THE FORM OF ISRAELI TROOP IN ISOLATED CAMPS, PERHAPS IN THE FORM OF JEWISH SETTLEMENTS. THE EGYPTIANS WANT THE ISRAELIS TO MAKE COMPARABLE CONCESSIONS AND MAKE THEM NOW SUCH AS POSSIBLY A UNILATERAL TROOP WITHDRAWAL IN THE SINAI UP TO THE TOWN OF EL ARISH. THE QUESTION HERE IS WHETHER A WAY, TIME AND PLACE FOR CONTINUING TALKS CAN BE FOUND.

CBS RADIO - KALB FROM LEEDS CASTLE

-SECURITY CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR CONCERN HERE, APPARENTLY FOR EVERYONE EXCEPT ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN. WHILE POSING FOR PICTURES ALONG WITH SECRETARY VANCE AND EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL, DAYAN REFUSED TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUE OF SUBSTANCE EXCEPT SECURITY, AND ON

THAT SUBJECT HE SEEMED ALMOST TO DISMISS THE SERIOUSNESS
OF THE WHOLE ISSUE. THE SECURITY THING IS FAR OVERDONE,
HE SAID, TO THINK THAT WE COULD NOT HAVE THIS KIND OF
CONFERENCE IN LONDON IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE TO ME.
-DAYAN APPARENTLY DID NOT WISH TO OFFEND HIS BRITISH HOSTS
SO HE ADDED, IT'S A NICE SETTING, BUT IT'S ENOUGH FOR ME
TO BE DEALING WITH SECURITY IN ISRAEL WITHOUT BOTHERING
ABOUT IT IN ENGLAND. THE MEETINGS TOOK PLACE IN A BACK
ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CASTLE APPARENTLY OUT OF
RANGE OF ANY DANGER. SCOTLAND YARD CONTINUES TO REGARD

THE TERRORIST THREATS AS AN ACTIVE CONCERN, AND BRITISH
POLICEMEN WHO NEVER CARRY WEAPONS ARE CARRYING THEM HERE.

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